

Legislative Budget Committees Make Cuts That Will Harm Families and Economic Recovery

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Legislators can choose to maintain core public services that educate our children, keep our families and communities healthy and safe, and help our most vulnerable neighbors make ends meet. These programs also create jobs for teachers, nurses, and other workers throughout the state. Unfortunately, the Legislature’s budget subcommittees have slashed many of these services, threatening the health and safety of our communities now and our prospects for sustained and shared prosperity in the future.

Examples of Cuts that Hurt Children and Families	
Foster Care Benefits*	Autism Group Home - Bozeman**
Children’s Health Insurance Program*	Women, Infants and Children Program*
Overtime/Holiday Pay for 24/7 Child Protective Workers ⁺	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families*
Medical Subsidies for Adopted Children	School for the Deaf and Blind
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Payments to Medicaid Providers**
Funding for Local K-12 Schools	Family Planning and Contraceptives
Special Education*	At-Risk Education Funding
School Lunch State Match Requirement*	Online Digital Academy
Vocational Education*	Gifted and Talented Education Funding
Funding for Universities (likely tuition increases)	Adult Basic Education
Community Colleges	Post Secondary Scholarship Program
Education for Children with Significant Behavioral or Physical Needs	Tribal College Assistance (for non-beneficiary students)
Student Loans	
Examples of Cuts that Hurt Seniors and Other Vulnerable Montanans	
Big Sky RX- Prescription Assistance For Seniors	Montana State Hospital- Warm Springs ⁺
Low Income Energy Assistance Program*	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center- Lewistown ⁺
Montana Veterans’ Home - Columbia Falls	Medicaid Services*
Tobacco Use Prevention Programs ⁺	Developmental Disability Services**
Medicaid Eligibility for American Indians*	Montana Developmental Center - Boulder ⁺
Office of the Public Defender	Indian Country Economic Development
Examples of Other Cuts that are Bad Ideas	
Department of Revenue	Public Health Labs
District Courts and Supreme Court	Department of Corrections
Federal Funds Lost from Nullifying Endangered Species Act (HB321)	Reject Federal Funds for Health Care Information Technology

*Cuts made by the state Legislature that turn down or reduce federal funding for programs that serve Montanans, dramatically reducing services for Montanans with relatively little or no associated cost savings for the state.

⁺Cuts that directly cut jobs, incomes, or contracts.

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